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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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SUPPLY OF MATERIAL TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some firms are supplying the material to the Government offices on forged price list of DGS&D; and

(b) if so, the details of the firms and Government departments identified in this regard and the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): DGS&D concludes Rate Contracts for common user items required by Central Government Ministries/Departments including their attached & subordinate offices & Union Territories. However, State Governments have also been using DGS&D`s Rate Contract mechanism informally. Necessary details/particulars regarding the Rate Contracts concluded with various firms for different items are put on the website of the DGS&D. These are also published in the annual/monthly bulletins of DGS&D.

DGS&D was informed in October, 2002 by Director General (DG) Prisons, Uttar Pradesh that medicines were purchased by jails from certain firms under an impression that the firms had valid DGS&D Rate Contract while the firms were not on rate contract. On verification it was found that DGS&D had not issued any Rate Contract to the firm in question, the DG(Prison), UP was accordingly informed. The cause of action for such act of forgery, if any, in this case lies with the concerned Sate Government. However, as a matter of abundant caution, DGS&D issued a General Notice in the newspapers cautioning departments to verify facts from DGS&D website or annual/monthly bulletin to avoid recurrence of such instances.